ICAR Research Centres in Krishna and Godavari Delta

3258. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the regional centre of ICAR, Guntur (Andhra Pradesh) have sent proposals to set up five more research centres in delta region of Krishna-Godavari districts;

(b) whether it is a fact that both the World Bank and I.C.A.R. have given their consent to this proposal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. There are already regional centres of Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), Rajahmundary at Guntur and Kandukur in Prakasam district and also a newly sanctioned station at Jillamigully. But neither these centres have sent any proposal nor the ICAR has any plan to set up five more research centres. However, the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University (APAU) has a Zonal Research Station at Lam to ment the research requirements of Krishna-Godavari Zone. This Station was strengthened under the National Agricultural Research Project (NARP) of the ICAR at a cost of Rs. 112'52 lacs for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 30-6-1980.

(b) and (c) Under Phase II of the NARP, a preliminary exercise has been undertaken by the ICAR in order to identify areas of support. It is proposed to strengthen a Substation to meet the specific requirements of rainfed light soil area in Prakasam District and also to meet research requirements of Nagarjunasagar right Canal representing red as well as black soils. Strengthening of reserach on horticulture, post harvest technology of vegetable crops and fisheries has also been proposed for the Krishna-Godavari zone. In respect of these identified sub projects, the APU has to acquire suitable land and submit proposals to ICAR for its consideration. The ICAR has not received any of the proposals so far.

New Programmes for Employment of Rural Landless

3259. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised new programme for employment of rural landless under 20-point programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount earmarked for the programme during 1985-86, 1986-87, State-wise and the amount earned by Andhra Pradesh during these years;

(d) whether Government have iss-

used any guidelines to the State Government and other agencies for its effective implementation; and

(e) if so, the details of the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) are the two major wage employment programmes under the 20-Point Programme. The NREP was launched in October, 1980 with the objective of generation of additional gainful employment for the unemployed and under-employed persons in rural areas and creation of productive community assets for the rural poor. The guidelines issued for the implementation of the programme envisage that preference should be given to landless labourers in employment on all NREP works.

The RLEGP was launched in August, 1983 with two basic objectives namely, one to improve and expand employment opportunities for rural landless with a view to providing guarantee of employment to at least one member of every rural landless labour household upto 100 days in a year, two, to create durable assets for strengthening the rural infrastructure, which will lead to a rapid growth of the rural economy.

NREP is being implemented as a centrally sponsored scheme on 50:50 sharing basis between the Centre and the States. RLEGP is 100 per cent Centrally funded. These programmes are applicable to the entire country. NREP is implemented through District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) set up all over the country. RLEGP is implemented by the State Governments through the identified impplementing agencies. All rural works which result in creation of durable community assets can be taken up under NREP. Works relevant to Minimum Needs Programme and Twenty Point Programme can be taken up under RLEGP.

(c) Statements indicating the amounts earmarked for RLEGP and NREP State-wise for 1985-86 and 1986-87, including Andhra Pradesh, are annexed at Statements I and II. (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture has issued "National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) Manual" containing guidelines to the State Governments and other agencies for the effective implementation of these programmes. A summary containing the important guidelines is given at Statements III and IV. (*See* below). Copies of the Manual have been placed in the Library of Rajya Sabha.

Statement-I

State/UT-wise position regarding allocation of funds under RLEGP for the years 1985-86 *and* 1986-87

(Rs. lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/U.Ts	Total Allocation	
		1985-86	1986-87
1	Andhra Pradesh	4947·00	4739·00
2	Assam	1088·00	992·00
3	Bihar	7149·20	6973·00
4	Gujarat	1630·60	1633·00
5	Haryana	439·20	461·00
6	Himachal Pradesh	301·60	309·00
7	Jammu & Kashmir	366.20	374·00
8	Karnataka	2356·40	2292·00
9	Kerala	2301·40	1864·00
10	Madhya Pradesh	3687·80	4114·00
11	Maharashtra	3973·00	3949·00
12	Manipur	55·20	57·00
13	Meghalaya	71·60	73·00
14	Nagaland	51·40	61·00
15	Orissa	2239·00	2187·00
16	Punjab	704·00	491·00
17	Rajasthan	1215·80	1941·00
18	Sikkim	40·80	41·00
19	Tamil Nadu	4438·80	3902·00
20	Tripura	164·80	168·00
21	Uttar Pradesh	8523·00	8738·00
22	West Bengal	3870·60	3737·00
23	A & N Islands	41·80	42·00
24	Arunachal Pradesh	41·80	42·00
25	Chandigarh	10·60	10·00
26	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	20·80	21·00
27	Delhi	20·80	31·00
28	Goa, Daman & Diu	55·00	64·00
29	Lakshadweep	10·60	10·00
30	Mizoram	41·60	42·00
31	Pondicherry	41·60	42·00
	ALL INDIA	49900·00	49400·00

Statement-II

State/UT-wise position regarding allocation of funds under NREP for the year 1985-86 & 1986-87

(Rs. lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/U.T.	Total Allocation Central shares	
		1985-86	1986-87
1	Andhra Prauesh	2270·00	2197·00
2	Assam	498·00	461·00
3	Bihar	3274·00	3234·00
4	Gujarat	740·00	757·00
5	Haryana	196·00	214·00
6	Himachal Pradesh	138·00	138·00
7	Jammu & Kashmir	170·00	170·00
8	Karnataka	1080·00	1060·00
9	Kerala	1060·00	866·00
10	Madhya Pradesh	1676·00	1907·00
11	Maharashtra	1826·00	1834·00
12	Manipur	25·00	25·00
13	Meghalaya	34·00	35·00
14	Nagaland	24·00	28·00
15	Orissa	1036·00	1013·00
16	Punjab	316·00	228·00
17	Rajsathan	550·00	892·00
18	Sikkim	18·00	18·00
19	Tamil Nadu	2050·00	1811·00
20	Tripura	76·00	76·00
21	Uttar Pradesh	3922·00	4054·00
22	West Bengal	1776·00	1732·00
23	Andaman & Nicobar Island	36·00	36·00
24	Arunachal Pradesh	36·00	36·0
25	Chandigarh	10·00	10·0
26	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	18·00	18·00
27	Delhi	16·00	16·00
28	Goa, Daman & Diu	42·00	42·00
29	Lakshadweep	10·00	10·00
30	Mizoram	36·00	36·00
31	Pondicherry	36·00	36·00
	Establishment Expenditure	7·00	10·00
	TOTAL	23000·00	23000·00

Statement-III

Important guidelines for effective implementation of National Rural Emplopment Programme (NREP)

1. Works which result in creation of durable community assets and in improving the rural infrastructure can be taken up for execution.

2. Implementation of the programme is done through District Rural Development Agencies on the basis of shelf of projects and Annual Action Plans which reflect felt needs of rural community.

3. As far as possible works under the programme are to be executed through Panchayati Raj Institutions and by involving the voluntary Organisations.

4. 25 per cent of allocations are earmarked for Social Forestry works.

5. 10 per cent allocations are earmarked for works exclusively benefiting the SCs and STs.

6. Wages to workers are paid on the basis of Minimum Wages Act and include a component of subsidised foodgrains.

7. Expenditure upto 10 per cent of the allocations may be incurred on maintenance of assets created under NREP|RLEGP.

8. Wage and non-wage ratio has been prescribed at 50:50 for district as a whole.

9. 5 per cent of the funds allocated under the programme may be utilised for meeting the expenditure on staff and contingencies etc. from the non-wage component.

10. Contractors are not permitted to be engaged in execution of works under the programme.

Statement-IV

Important guidelines for effective implementation of Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP)

1. Works relevant to Minimum Needs Programme and 20 Point programme resulting in creation of durable assets and in improving the rural infrastructure can be taken up.

2. A Central Committee approves the projects prepared by the States on the basis of shelf of projects and Annual Action Plans.

3. Implementation of the programme is done through Agencies of the State Government.

4. Specified amounts are earmarked for Indira Awaas Yojana.

5. 25 per cent of allocations are earmarked for social forestry works.

6. Rs. 6 crores per year are earmarked for construction of sanitary latrines.

7. 10 per cent of allocations should be spent on works exclusively benefiting the SCs and STs.

8. Wages to workers are paid on the basis of Minimum Wages Act and include a component of subsidized foodgrains.

9. Wage and non-wage ratio has been prescribed at 50:50 for the project as a whole.

10. 5 per cent of the funds allocated under the programme may be utilised for meeting the expenditure on staff and contingencies etc., from the non-wage component.

11. Contractors are not permitted to be engaged in execution of works under the programme.

12. Voluntary sector is involved in the implementaion of the Programme through Council for Advancement of Peaple's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART).

Assamese Officers Posted in the Office of GSI, Shillong

3260. SHRIMATI BIJOY CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Assamese Officers in Senior ranks posted in the Shilong, G.S.I. Office; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of Assamese Officers have been denied their promotion for years together, if so, what are tthe reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) A total number of 16 Assamese Officers were posted in Shillong till recently. Of these 16 Officers, 7 have now been posted to Assam Regional Geology Division at Gowahati Circle Office.

(b) No, Sir. There is no case, where an Assamese Officer of senior rank has been deprived of this promotion for years together.

Doing Away Cess on Agricultural Produce

3261. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to do away with cases on agricultural produce;

(b) if so, what are the details of the cess being collected and on which produce; and

(c) the reason for withdrawing the cess on agriculural produce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to abolish cess on cotton, copra and vegetable oils being levied under the produce cess Act, 1966, Copra Cess Act, 1979 and the Vegitable Oils Cess Act, 1983 respectively.

(c) To reduce the number of cesses and multiplicity of taxes.

Horticultural Division of CPWD

3262. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Adminstration zones of CPWD have Horticultural Division under their jurisdiction.

(b) if so the names of the Divisions and the circles under which they are placed;

(c) whether all the Horticultural works pertaining to these zones have been placed under these divisions; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) (i) Hort. Development Division-I (PWD) (Delhi Administration), New Delhi, This Division is under the administrative control of Supdt. Engineer PWD, (Circle-III. Delhi Administration, New Delhi).

(ii) Hort. Development Division—II (PWD Delhi Administration) New Delhi. This Division is under the administrative control of the Supdt. Engineer, PWD, Circle—IV, Delhi Administration, New Delhi.